

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A fold-down monitoring apparatus comprising:

a housing mounted to a ceiling of a vehicle, for accommodating a main body therein;

a display holding member which is pivotably supported by said housing via an axis of rotation so as to pivot from an accommodated position, by way of an unfolding position, to a visually-identified position;

a connecting member for electrically connecting the main body disposed in said housing to a display;

an insertion hole which is located in a vicinity of said axis of rotation and which is disposed in said display holding member so that said connecting member is inserted thereinto and is covered to prevent said connecting member from being visually identified from outside;

and

a connecting member covering member which is attached to a part of said housing in a vicinity of said axis of rotation so as to be pressed toward a direction and to pivot as said display holding member pivots, for covering said connecting member so that said connecting member cannot be visually identified from outside.

2. (Currently Amended) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to ~~Claim~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the insertion hole is formed by cutting and raising a part of the display holding member, and the cut and raised part is formed as a hook rotary member of the connecting member covering member.

3. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connecting member covering member being pressed and pivoting as the display holding member pivots, acts to prevent undesirable oscillations that create noise during vehicle operation.

4. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connecting member is a unitary designed, electrically enabled flat ribbon form.

5. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the unitary designed, electrically enabled flat ribbon form being compression resilient, acts to prevent undesirable oscillations that create noise during vehicle operation.

6. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the electrically enabled flat ribbon form being compression resilient is a Flexible Printed Circuit (FPC).

7. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the connecting member covering member operates in combination with a hook rotary member, with the connecting member covering member being constructed to fit within the insertion hole formed within the display member, and positioned intermediately between the hook rotary member and the display holding member, acts to protect the display holding member from undesirable wear caused by contact from the hook rotary member.

8. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the connecting member covering member operates in combination with a spring member, with the connecting member covering member and the hook rotary member securely maintained with a spring member to prevent undesirable noise during vehicle operation.

9. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the connecting member covering member operates in combination with the hook rotary member to create a rigid stopping means that defines a maximum opening that the display holding member may be pivotably opened.

10. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the connecting member covering member operates in combination with the hook rotary member to create a rigid stopping means that defines a maximum opening that the display holding member may be pivotably opened and at the same time preventing the Flexible Printed Circuit from being identified.

11. (New) The fold-down monitoring apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the unitary design includes creating an insertion hole by cutting and raising a part of the display holding member, with the raised part of the display holding member operating as the separately designed hook rotary member.